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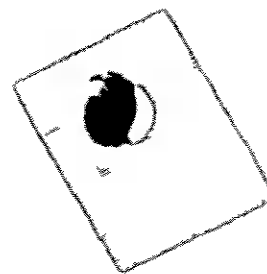
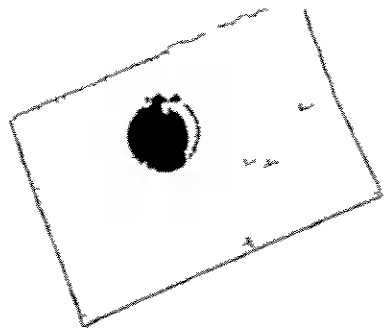
much as he is a wealthy man and it is believed that he would not have a chance to collect damages.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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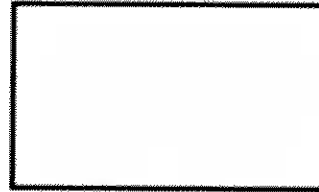
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GETTY, JEAN PAUL
alias J Paul Getty
647 South Kingsley Drive
Los Angeles, California



GERMAN

BUSINESS ADDRESS 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

~~OCCUPATION Oil producer.~~

GETTY is a United States citizen who was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 15, 1892. (Washington Field Division, Confidential Informant S-2. 12/30/40. ~~W.A. File 65-1745-7.~~) **BF #**

Subject frequently associated socially with and on numerous occasions during his various periods of living in Germany met and associated a number of times with HITLER. Has common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. (Confidential National Defense Informant 10-1. 4/22/41. ~~W.A. File 65-2170-19.~~) **(4) BF #**

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Getty Realty Corporation owns and operates Hotel Pierre which was erected in 1929 by Hotel Pierre Inc which leased land site from Gerry Estates Inc. Complete information relative to organization and purchase of Hotel Pierre set out. No information on present activities of GETTY obtained at Chemical Bank & Trust Co. No indication that employees and those who frequent hotel have Italian Consular connections.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent V. I. PERRY dated November 12, 1940 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1941 at Los Angeles.

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DETAILS:

On July 24, 1940 [redacted] telephoned the New York Field Division and advised that he was the [redacted] of the William Allen White Committee, 8 West 40 Street, New York City. He stated that one GETTY, owner of the Hotel PIERRE was a very wealthy American with pro-Nazi sympathies. He stated that GETTY, who lived at Sutton Place, New York City,

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had been in Germany and was apparently popular with the more important Nazi officials. He stated that GETTY, who is said to be of Scotch descent, was present at the "Cellar Trials" after the Reichstag Fire. [redacted] stated that GETTY is also a large minority stockholder in the Tidewater Oil Company which sold 1,000,000 barrels of oil to the Soviet Government some time ago.

On December 20, 1940 a copyrighted article appeared in the New York Daily News entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here". This article set forth the statement that twenty American businessmen had pooled \$100,000,000 for investment in Mexico if [redacted] would give a free hand. It further alleged that J. PAUL GETTY, present owner of the Hotel Pierre and personal friend of ADOLF HITLER had supplied oil to Russia and was, at the time article was written, on a yacht cruise with WILLIAM GIBBS/McADOO. There were further allegations to the effect that the F. B. I. was sure that a "definite understanding was reached on the Getty-[redacted] [redacted] axis which bears on the charge of [redacted] opponent that the heart belongs to the Nazis". This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter with a copy to the Los Angeles Field Division under date of December 21, 1940.

On December 30, 1940 [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, came to the New York office and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] advised that as a result of the newspaper publicity, business at the Hotel Pierre had materially decreased and many of the residents had indicated their intention of changing their place of residence by reason of the charges set forth in this newspaper article. While he expressed his opinion that neither Mr. GETTY, the owner of the Hotel, nor himself as [redacted] were desirous of bringing any civil action against the Daily News for the charges contained in above-referred to article, he was desirous if possible, of securing some sort of letter or written statement from the Bureau indicating that the information and charges appearing in the article were not, as mentioned therein, furnished to the newspaper by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] was advised that in view of the confidential nature of the information appearing in the files of the Bureau, no statement or comment could be made as to whether the Bureau was conducting any investigation concerning any individuals mentioned in the Newspaper article.

At the time of the interview, [redacted] mentioned that in addition to being [redacted] of the Getty Realty Company, which operates the Hotel Pierre in New York City, he was likewise the [redacted] of the George. F. Getty Inc., California, [redacted] of the Mission Corporation,

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[redacted] of the Pacific Western Oil Company;
[redacted] of the Kelly Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and [redacted]
of the Santa Fe Investment Company.

[redacted] informed that the Getty Realty Company purchased an interest in the Hotel Pierre in September 1938 but did not acquire the ownership and complete operation thereof until May 4, 1939.

[redacted] advised that subject GETTY traced his ancestry back to the American Revolution, that GETTY was a loyal American and that the charges made against him in this newspaper article were absolutely absurd. He advised that, as a matter of fact, Mr. GETTY has never had any direct contact or acquaintance with [redacted] but he admitted that he was an acquaintance of [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom were, for a period of time, [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre. He also admitted that, at the time of the interview, Mr. GETTY was at Mexico City for the inauguration of the new president. This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter with a copy to the Los Angeles Field Division on December 30, 1940.

On December 23, 1940, [redacted] Attorney, 19 Rector Street, New York City, came to the New York Field office with the clipping from the New York Daily News of December 20, 1940 in which [redacted] a News Syndicate [redacted] reported the activities of several individuals living at the Pierre Hotel, New York City, this article being the article above-referred to. [redacted] said the article was highly damaging to the reputation and prestige of the Hotel Pierre and its owner JEAN PAUL GETTY. [redacted] stated that he came to the office at the request of [redacted] 50 Broadway, New York City, Attorney for the Hotel Pierre and also for GETTY, to try to find out if any investigation is being conducted on GETTY by the F. B. I. as the newspaper article intimated.

[redacted] was advised that this Bureau did not authorize the publication of the story on [redacted] and that it was the policy of the office not to divulge any information concerning investigative activities in which the Bureau was engaged or interested. [redacted] stated that if any information was desired concerning GETTY or the Hotel Pierre, that [redacted] would be glad to give it to a representative of this office and that GETTY himself would be glad to cooperate with this office when he returned from California.

[redacted] advised that one [redacted] former [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre resigned in the Fall of 1940 and was unemployed as far as he knew.

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[] furnished a copy of a letter written by the firm of Leve, Hecht and Hadfield, Attorneys, 50 Broadway, New York City, to the News Syndicate Company Inc., 220 East 42 Street, New York City, dated December 20, 1940, pertinent portions of which letter read as follows:

"We are writing on behalf of our client, Mr. J. PAUL GETTY with respect to the malicious, defamatory, libelous and wholly false statements concerning him contained in an article printed in the Daily News on Friday, December 20, 1940.

"It is regrettable that you saw fit to make the statement concerning Mr. GETTY contained in the article, in spite of the fact that prior to publication you were notified specifically of the untruth of such statements and were told that Mr. GETTY would hold you accountable for your actions.

"Among the many statements and innuendos in the article which are absolutely untrue and without foundation and most of which in our opinion are defamatory and libelous, are the following:

1. That Mr. Getty is engaged directly or indirectly in espionage activities, or is party to a conspiracy for such purpose.
2. That Mr. Getty is a friend of Adolf Hitler. Mr. Getty does not know and has never met Hitler.
3. That Mr. Getty is involved in dealings or in a conspiracy to sell oil to the Axis or to Germany. Neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him has directly or indirectly sold, negotiated for the sale of, or contemplated the sale of any oil or any other products to the Axis or any members thereof, nor have they participated in any transactions of any character in any way to do so.
4. That Mr. Getty was a supplier of oil to Russia. Neither Mr. Getty nor any company owned or controlled by him, is selling, or has at any time sold, nor is it now contemplated by them to sell, any oil to Russia.
5. That Mr. Getty is involved in some way with [] in either business or political activities. Mr. Getty does not know and has never met [], and has never either directly or indirectly had any business or any political dealings with him or concerning him.

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6. That Mr. Getty wore a necktie presented by Adolf Hitler. Mr. Getty was never presented with a tie by Adolf Hitler, has never owned or worn such a tie, and has never had his portrait painted in such tie. The tie worn by Mr. Getty in the portrait painted by [redacted] [redacted], was a tie purchased by Mr. Getty at Burberry's in London.
7. That Mr. Getty returned from Europe on the Conte di Savoia with [redacted] and there is some improper relationship existing between them. [redacted] was not on the Conte di Savoia with Mr. Getty. [redacted] was introduced to Mr. Getty thereafter by a mutual friend in New York in the latter part of last year and is merely a casual friend of Mr. Getty.
8. That Mr. Getty was closely associated with [redacted] Mr. Getty met [redacted] socially over twenty years ago and has not seen him since that time, except for a casual meeting about a year and a half ago. Neither Mr. Getty nor any companies with which he is associated have ever had any business or political dealings, directly or indirectly, with [redacted]
9. That Mr. Getty has had dealings of some character with [redacted] Mr. Getty does not know and has never met [redacted] and has never had any dealings directly or indirectly with Capt. [redacted] of either a business or political character.
10. That Mr. Getty is involved in a conspiracy or understanding with [redacted] He has never had any dealings, business or political, with any of the persons mentioned, and has never met either [redacted]
11. That Mr. Getty has had business or political dealings, or has entered into a conspiracy to aid the Nazis. Mr. Getty has never had any business or political dealings of any kind or character, directly or indirectly, with or for the benefit of the Nazis, or with anybody on their behalf.
12. That Mr. Getty is pro-Nazi. Mr. Getty has been a constant supporter of campaigns and funds designed to aid the British. He is in no sense of the word, and never has been, pro-Nazi.
13. That Mr. Getty was party to a conspiracy to overthrow the [redacted] Government. This is a fantastic untruth.

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14. That Mr. Getty was on a yachting party with Mr. McAdoo and [redacted] Mr. Getty has never been on any yacht belonging to Mr. McAdoo and does not even know whether Mr. McAdoo owns a yacht. On his visit to Mexico with Mr. McAdoo, [redacted] was not with them at any time.
15. That there is some sinister connection between Mr. Getty and the fact that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, and that Mr. Lange is employed by the Hotel. [redacted] has been with the Hotel for many years prior to the time it was purchased by its present owner. Mr. Getty had nothing to do with the original hiring of [redacted] the retention of [redacted] or the fact that he is [redacted] [redacted] The president of the Board of Directors of the corporation operating the Hotel is solely responsible for [redacted] being retained by the hotel and his being [redacted] and Mr. Getty is not a member of the Board of Directors.

As to [redacted], he is and has been for many years an American citizen, and was an [redacted] of the Hotel employed by the former owners. He has continued to be retained and made [redacted] because of his good work. No knowledge or information known by the management of the Hotel would indicate in any way that [redacted] is anything other than a good American citizen.

Mr. Lange has been employed by the management of the hotel to do a special job. He, too, is an American citizen, and there is no knowledge or information which the Hotel has which would indicate that he is anything other than a good American citizen.

16. As for the guests of the Hotel, Mr. Getty has nothing to do, directly or indirectly, with who such guests are. The hotel is a public institution and is ready and compelled by law to rent available space to all persons of reputable character, without being concerned with their political or business affiliations, and cannot possibly be held responsible for the same. "

The above-quoted letter demanded, on behalf of Mr. GETTY that the News Syndicate Company Inc. publish a full and adequate retraction, giving such retraction as much publicity and space as the original article.

[redacted], Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 373 Seventh Avenue, New York City, produced a file on JEAN PAUL GETTY. Report in this file dated October 23, 1940 indicated GETTY'S residence as Santa Monica, California and also listed the following former residences.

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1 Sutton Place South
New York City

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226 No. Windsor Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

It was indicated that subject was married to the former [redacted] known professionally as [redacted]. He married [redacted] the latter part of 1939 and it was indicated that he had previously been divorced from [redacted] and [redacted]. Report stated that subject's permanent residence is in California and that he maintains no legal address in New York City.

It was reported that Mr. GETTY was, for a number of years, active as an independent oil producer with wells in California and maintained an office at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey and also having an office at 1060 Subway Terminal, Los Angeles, California. He is reported to be a very wealthy man taking care of his interests in the Getty Company which is also reported as owning and operating the Hotel Pierre, a high-class establishment in New York City. A newspaper clipping in the file from the New York Daily News dated November 17, 1939 indicated that J. PAUL GETTY married [redacted] September 14, 1939 in the American Consulate in Rome. It was indicated that this was J. PAUL GETTY'S second marriage he having been divorced several years before from [redacted] the mother of his two children. The newspaper clipping further reflected that [redacted] is the [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] It was indicated that she is the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[Confidential Informant #1] produced files relative to J. PAUL GETTY. Report dated June 18, 1940 in this file indicated that GETTY is not engaged in business in New York City individually but is the principal at interest financially in George F. Getty, Inc., 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey. It was indicated that J. PAUL GETTY is the son of the late George F. Getty who was for many years engaged in the oil producing industry, maintaining offices in Los Angeles, California, where he was a principal at interest in several California corporations. According to the report, J. PAUL GETTY has been active in the affairs of various concerns during his entire career and while he does not appear as officer or director, owns the entire capital stock of George F. Getty, Inc. either individually or as trustee of a fund established some years ago by his mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY.

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It was indicated that J PAUL GETTY has an account at the Commercial Trust Company, Main Office, New York City.

The file of the Getty Realty Corporation, which operates the Hotel Pierre, 2 - 6 East 61 Street, New York City, disclosed a report dated December 6, 1940 which indicated that [redacted] is [redacted] of the corporation, [redacted] and [redacted]. There was indicated the the [redacted] was composed of the above-mentioned officers. This corporation was incorporated under New York laws September 30, 1938 with an authorized capital of 50,000 shares, having a par value of \$100.00 each. The company is wholly owned subsidiary of George F Getty, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed December 30, 1936 and makes its headquarters at 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey

George F. Getty Inc., functions as a holding corporation for the Hotel Pierre and various petroleum production companies. The report indicated that [redacted] were formerly [redacted] of the Getty Realty Corporation but they withdrew recently. It was indicated that the Getty Realty Corporation owns and operates the Hotel Pierre.

A further review of the report dated December 6, 1940 disclosed the following information:

The Hotel Pierre was erected during 1929 by the Hotel Pierre Inc. which leased the land site from its owners, Gerry Estates Inc. for a period extending to 1950. On April 1, 1929 the Hotel Pierre Inc. gave a building loan mortgage on a leasehold to Straus National Bank and Trust Company to secure six percent gold bonds amounting to \$6,500,000. The Hotel opened October 1930 but the Hotel Pierre Inc. was unable to meet real estate charges and during 1931 foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the above-mentioned bank as trustees for the bondholders in the sum of \$6,500,000. The Hotel building was sold at auction for a comparatively nominal sum to the bondholders' committee, which committee in turn disposed of the same to the 2 East 61 Street Corporation.

The 2 East 61 Street Corporation was formed under New York laws January 12, 1933. That company acquired the leasehold and took over the operations of the Hotel Pierre making little headway. On December 1, 1938 a creditors' petition was filed against the 2 East 61 Street Corporation under Chapter 10 of the Amended Bankruptcy Act of June 26, 1938 and proceedings were held for the reorganization of the company. The petition explained that the Gerry Estates, which had owned the Hotel site sold out to the Getty Realty Corporation which

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then threatened to terminate the tenancy unless back rent totaling \$270,000 was paid within a thirty day period from November 2nd. The report shows that the creditors' petition for reorganization was dismissed on April 12, 1939. Report of April 29, 1939 showed that the 2 East 61 Street Corporation filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy and schedules filed through Root, Clerk, Buckner and Valentine, attorneys for the bankrupt corporation, listed liabilities at \$5,057,767 and assets of \$3,378,245. The schedules also stated that The 2 East 61 Street Corporation had surrendered the premises to the Getty Realty Corporation. The Hotel Pierre Inc. filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy March 7, 1932. On December 18, 1939 the Getty Realty Corporation acquired title to the building at this address at the foreclosure sale which was held to satisfy judgment of approximately \$635,000. The Getty Realty Corporation now owns the land and the building and operates the hotel building at this address.

[redacted] is also [redacted] of the parent company and a number of its subsidiaries. Following employment by Sutro Company, stock brokers, of Los Angeles, California, he became associated with the Getty interests in 1935.

[redacted] is reported to be an attorney and [redacted] of George F. Getty Inc., and an officer in two other subsidiaries of that corporation.

[redacted], formerly an officer in The 2 East 61 Street Corporation is the [redacted]

Getty Realty Corporation operates the exclusive Hotel Pierre which contains forty-one stories and 738 rooms. Most of the rooms are leased on a monthly or yearly basis. A staff of over 325 persons is employed. Records show that the land and building are assessed in the name of Getty Realty Corporation for \$6,900,000 in 1940.

The Getty Realty Corporation has an account at the Central Hanover Bank, 60th Street and Fifth Avenue.

[Confidential Informant #1] also produced a file relative to George F. Getty Inc. Holding Company, an oil producer, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey. A report dated November 22, 1940 indicated the officers of this corporation as follows: (X)(u)

[redacted]

The [redacted] were indicated as being [redacted]

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A review of the aforementioned report in the file relative to George F. Getty Inc. disclosed the following information

The company was incorporated December 30, 1930 under Delaware laws with an authorized capital stock of 85,000 shares of \$100 par value. The net worth of the company at the present time is approximately \$22,000,000. This corporation represents a merger of the George F. Getty Oil Company, a Delaware corporation, George F. Getty Inc., a California corporation, and the George Getty Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and was organized to consolidate the forces of those companies. J. PAUL GETTY is stated to own the entire capital stock of this corporation, either individually or as a trustee of a fund established some years ago by his mother, Mrs. SARAH C. GETTY. The Getty family has been active in the oil producing industry for many years and was, for a period, under the direction and control of the late GEORGE F. GETTY. Because of physical disabilities prior to his death in 1930, his affairs had been under the management of a committee of trusted employees for some years. In January 1924 GEORGE F. GETTY INC. was formed under California laws but took over the major portion of his personal holdings and after his death in 1930 his interests were acquired by his widow SARAH C. GETTY and his son JEAN PAUL GETTY. JEAN PAUL GETTY was the administrator of the estate of GEORGE F. GETTY which controlled various companies subsequently formed to acquire and operate the various branches of the Getty Holding Company.

[redacted] a [redacted] is [redacted] of oil lands and leases. He has been associated with the Getty interests since 1914 and is [redacted] of both the Mission Corporation and the Pacific Western Oil Corporation.

[redacted] is the [redacted] of Production and is the [redacted] of the Pacific Western Oil Corporation.

[redacted] is a member of the New York Bar.

[redacted] the [redacted] of the company's affairs at Los Angeles, California, at 1060 Subway Terminal, Los Angeles, Cal.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) [redacted]

[redacted] made available the files in his office relative to the subject in this case.

The credit file of the Tidewater Associated Oil Company with the Chemical Bank and Trust Company contains a section devoted to JEAN PAUL GETTY and the information contained therein is as follows:

Memorandum dated 3/3/35 re PAUL GETTY, Getty Oil Company, Los Angeles, California, reads -

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"He is about thirty six years of age, married and has been known in Los Angeles for more than ten years. He travels extensively and is in Los Angeles only at intervals and remains but a short time when he comes here. We learned that he has spent considerable time in Europe during the past few years, particularly in Germany. He is now in the U S. and is believed to be in New York City. His wife makes her home in Los Angeles practically all of the time, apparently not caring to travel. Subject's mother also lives in Los Angeles. Mr. GETTY is one of the major owners of George F. Getty Inc., one of the larger independent oil producing companies in this part of the country. However, he does not devote much of his time to business. He has the business in the hands of competent men who have been connected with the company for some time and he apparently trusts their judgment and allows them considerable control over the business. Getty comes to Los Angeles occasionally, attends to some executive duties in connection with the business and then returns east or abroad. He and his mother, Mrs. GEORGE F. GETTY inherited from GEORGE F. GETTY the above company or a major interest therein. This interest in the business is estimated to be well in excess of \$1,000,000 and he has a substantial income from the business. He has suffered no financial difficulties and during the time known here has met all personal obligations in a satisfactory manner."

[redacted] advised that he could furnish no further information as to the present activities of GETTY.

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(A) [redacted] The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

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During the course of monitoring transactions in the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank, New York City, it was noted by the Foreign Funds Squad of the New York Field Division, that a payment of \$60.16 was made to JEAN PAUL GETTY, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 17, 1940 upon the instructions of the Reichsbank Direktorium, Berlin, Germany, whose account was charged for this amount. It is believed that this payment originated from Konversionskasse Fur Deutsche Auslandsschneden, Berlin, Germany (Conversion Office for German Foreign Debts) and that it represents an interest payment on German securities owned by this individual. It is believed that this JEAN PAUL GETTY is the same as subject in this case since a review of the file reflects subject was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and may possibly therefore have some activity there. (X)(u)

A check of the indices of the New York Field Division disclosed

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in File 9-0 Serials 4, 10, 11, 12 on one PAUL GETTY of Sutton Place South, New York City, on December 1, 1937 through his attorney [redacted] 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey advised the New York Office of a letter received by GETTY and signed by [redacted]. This letter was submitted to the New York Field Office by [redacted] for investigation under the Extortion statutes but the text of the letter reflected that it was written with the intention of getting a loan from GETTY and [redacted] was advised that this would not fall under the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

[redacted] upon being interviewed at his office in the Hotel Pierre, New York City, advised that he had no knowledge that his employees or those that frequent the hotel have Italian Consular connections. It is to be noted that at the time this inquiry was made the Italian Consulate at New York City was closed. [redacted] advised that at the time of the inquiry he had no knowledge of any Italians residing at the hotel at that time. He stated that it is definitely not a gathering place for leading Italians in New York City. He stated that several months ago he had a [redacted] employed at the hotel by the name of [redacted] who was believed to be of noble [redacted] birth. He stated that he had no knowledge of any Nazi activities on the part of [redacted] but that [redacted] had been discharged from the hotel and was no longer connected with him.

A check of the New York Office files disclosed that one [redacted] formerly resided at [redacted] and that he was at that time [redacted] at the Hotel Pierre, New York City. It was indicated that during the past ten years he had been [redacted] at the Lawrence Beach Club, New York, as well as [redacted] at Cyril's of London, New York City, and at the Rainbow Room, Rockefeller Center, New York City under [redacted]. It was indicated that [redacted] is believed to be of noble [redacted] birth, having been born in [redacted] and that [redacted] is alleged to be a former [redacted] society girl, although in February 1941 she was employed by R. H. Macy, New York City, at \$40.00 a week.

It is noted that the Hotel Pierre, which is located on 61st Street near Fifth Avenue, New York City, is known to be an exclusive first-class hotel which caters primarily to a rather prominent and wealthy class of persons of foreign origin. Its clientele is definitely international in character. For this reason, [redacted] advised that it is not unusual for leading continental personages to stop at the Hotel Pierre.

Investigation has failed to disclose information to substantiate allegations that the employees and those who frequent the hotel have Italian Consular connections.

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290 Broadway, New York City. (S)(u)

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the [subject] has been associated with a [redacted] and the late Senator MC ADOO in an oil deal involving delivery of Mexican oil to Germany via Vladivostok. It also sets forth that the subject is out-spoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology and that he also boasts of his close association with [redacted] and HITLER. A custodial detention on the subject was submitted to the Bureau October 15, 1941.

At the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, Hall of Records Building, [redacted], Deputy County Clerk, searched their records on cases in which the subject has been a defendant from 1922 to and including the present. The list as propounded by [redacted] is being set forth and it should be noted that the purpose it might serve is obtaining names of individuals who might have some knowledge concerning the business dealing which the subject might have with any foreign source. It should be noted that these records can be located in the City Hall basement.

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Two cases were reviewed by the writer and it was found that case #393244, [redacted] vs. GETTY, et al was a suit against GETTY and [redacted] for services rendered [redacted] in obtaining her divorce. It was determined from this file that the home at 270 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, was deeded to [redacted] as a result of this divorce and it was later determined that this [redacted] This case also reflected that the subject was in Europe on September 17, 1935. It was also set forth in this case that the subject owned the following companies GETTY, INC, GEORGE F GETTY, INC, THE WINNEHOMA Oil Company, The GEORGE F GETTY Oil Company and the Santa Fe Investment Company.

File #396502, [redacted] vs. THE PACIFIC WESTERN OIL CORP, is a suit for illegal diversion of funds of the defendant oil corporation by the subject, reflected that [redacted] was the plaintiff and that [redacted] was the plaintiff's attorney. The file reflected that this suit was maintained as a result of a grudge the plaintiff had against the defendant.

AT WEST LOS ANGELES.

At the home of [redacted] approximately [redacted] years of age, advised that [redacted] is employed at the [redacted] and he further advised that [redacted] owns this company. He also advised that [redacted] is here quite often. He stated that [redacted] are divorced, and further stated that [redacted] comes to the house there to see him and [redacted] once a month and on some occasions he visits [redacted] at his place of business downtown. He was unable to furnish any further pertinent information but did state that [redacted] apparently seem to be quite friendly with each other.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] advised that she is the former [redacted] and was employed as [redacted] to the subject of instant case [redacted]. She further advised that she was a stockholder in the Pacific Western Oil Company, which is a company controlled by the GEORGE G. GETTY Company and that she [redacted]. She further advised that [redacted]. She stated that she could offer no information as to whether or not the subject was involved in any subversive activity, stating it was beyond her to believe that the subject was even under suspicion.

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She indicated that the subject had been involved in many divorce proceedings but at present is married [redacted] and socially prominent person from [redacted] who at present is in Italy [redacted]. She further indicated that the subject is difficult to work for as he loses his temper quickly and frequently. She has heard that the subject has been in Mexico for the past year but she does not know whether it is business or pleasure. She further indicated that the subject travels to Germany once or twice a year but she has no idea who he contacts there nor the name of any of his friends in Germany. [redacted]

[redacted] She advised that [redacted] is [redacted] of the GEORGE P GETTY Company but is not to be trusted for any information as he promises one thing and never has the intention of keeping that promise.

She indicated that a [redacted] is about the only individual at the Getty, Inc., who could be trusted and advised that this man is [redacted]. She further advised that a MR LANG was, the last time she remembered, employed in the oil fields of one of the corporations GETTY companies but she does not know whether he is still in the capacity or not. She further advised that she does not believe that any of the subject's former wives could be trusted to give any pertinent information which might be of interest to the F B I. since they apparently are still in love with the subject, even though they are divorced. [redacted] stated that she does not remember anything of value as far as this investigation is concerned because she has not been with the company for [redacted] years and there was never any indication at that time as to any subversive activity on the part of any of the employees, including MR GETTY himself. She has agreed to cooperate and [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that the subject is located at present in Los Angeles and has recently opened a private office in the Don Lee Cadillac Agency Building at Wilshire and Kingsley, but she does not know what type of business is carried on in this office.

The criminal records at the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked with negative results.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California, will contact [redacted],
[redacted] for complete information which he might
have concerning the activity of the subject.

Will contact attorney [redacted]
[redacted] for any information which he might have concerning the
subject.

Will contact attorney [redacted], 453 South Spring
Street, for any information which he might have concerning the re-
lation of the subject with [redacted]

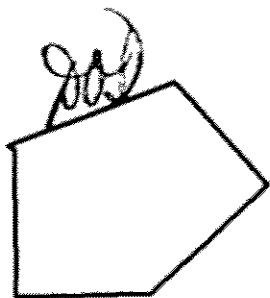
Will conduct a discreet investigation in the hope of
obtaining information concerning the office which the subject has
recently opened in the Don Lee Cadillac Agency

Will conduct a discreet investigation concerning the back-
ground of [redacted] and if it proves reliable contact [redacted]
[redacted] and obtain complete information concerning the subject.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
December 16, 1941



Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D C.

RE ^O JEAN PAUL GETTY
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir

Reference is made to letter from the New York Field Office dated December 30, 1940, in the above-entitled matter

On November 6, 1941, Special Agent H FRANK ANGELL of this office had occasion to interview [redacted] of the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, California. At that time it was learned from [redacted] that he had been employed by the Hotel Pierre, New York City, in 1935 and 1936. [redacted] volunteered the information that with reference to that hotel undoubtedly [redacted] who was [redacted] was a good American and could be contacted by the Bureau. However he stated that [redacted] mentioned in the reference letter as the [redacted] was someone whose Americanism he greatly doubted. Informant also stated that [redacted] of the Pierre Hotel, and his brother who is employed at the Cher Netherlands Hotel in New York City, had knocked the Jews and made remarks which caused him to doubt their Americanism. [redacted] also observed that the Pierre seemed to be continuously full of refugees.

The above information is being furnished in connection with the activities of GETTY, who, it is understood, owns the Hotel Pierre, and to give credence to the good intentions of [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, as evidenced by his contact with the New York office on December 30, 1940

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

R B HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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GETTY, JEAN PAUL

NATIVE BORN

GERMAN

alias: J. Paul Getty

647 South Kingsley Drive (Residence)

417 South Hill Street (Business)

Los Angeles, California 7-10-41

Occupation: Oil Producer

Getty is a United States citizen who was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 15, 1892. (Washington Field Division, Confidential Informant S-2. 12/30/60 100-1202-20)

Subject frequently associated socially with [redacted] and on numerous occasions during his various periods of living in Germany met and associated a number of times with Hitler. Has common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. (Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] 4/22/41. 100-1202-20)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Re: **JEAN PAUL GNEY**
United States Citizen

Information has been received from the Los Angeles Office of this Bureau that captioned subject is an oil man and the owner of the Hotel Pierre, New York City, which is reputed to be the stopping place for many Germans while in New York City.

Subject is said to be outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology, and highly approves of the effectiveness of the Nazi system. He has been in Germany several times each year, and he is closely associated with Hitler. [Redacted] In addition it was reported that he has a common-law wife and children in Germany.

The Los Angeles Office reported that subject attempted to export 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany before the Neutrality Act became effective. Subject has in his employment former members of the German Army, Navy and Intelligence units. He was closely associated with [Redacted] an alleged German espionage agent now in Mexico, and he spent last year in Mexico where he was closely associated with the Mexican Government officials. *(S)(u)*

It has been reported that subject will advance money for the Nazi cause if his name is not mentioned, and that his wealth is estimated to be between \$50,000 to \$500,000.

In view of the above information it is respectfully requested that you advise whether this subject should be taken into custody at this time.

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Not at this time

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LA advised by tel on 12/18/41

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE JEAN PAUL GETTY, WITH ALIAS
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic
copy of a custodial detention card relating to

JEAN PAUL GETTY, WA
647 South Kingsley Drive
Los Angeles, California

for appropriate and expeditious attention in
accordance with existing Bureau instructions

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 13, 1942

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- Mr Posen
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- Mr Holloman
- Mr Quin Tamm
- Mr Nease
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re. Getty, Jean Paul
Hotel Pierre (Bus)
New York City

[redacted] of the Special Defense Unit,
has forwarded a file containing an abstract of information con-
cerning the above entitled subject who appears to be a citizen
of the United States

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[redacted] has been advised that, based on the informa-
tion contained in the file, there is not sufficient evidence
upon which to institute a criminal prosecution against the
subject at this time

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It is requested that a complete investigation be con-
ducted with reference to the subject and that all information
contained in the Bureau dossier be verified It is suggested
that the subject be interviewed, if you deem it advisable under
all the circumstances, and an effort be made to secure his consent
to search his business and home premises

It is requested that the reports covering this investi-
gation be made available to the Criminal Division

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General

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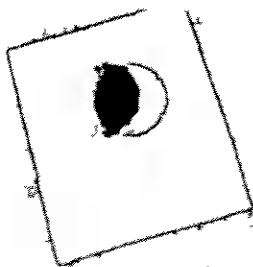
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January 30, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY
INTERNAL SECURITY-G
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of a memorandum dated January 13, 1942, which was received from Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

You are instructed to conduct the requested investigation and this matter should be given preferred and expeditious attention by your office.

The files of your office should be thoroughly reviewed and all information with reference to the above captioned individual should be included in your report covering the investigation requested in the enclosed memorandum.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

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March 5, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JEAN PAUL GETTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 30, 1942,
Bureau File 100-1202 with which you enclose a memorandum which
was received from Mr WENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney General,
United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

It is noted in your communication that you request
that the files of this office be thoroughly reviewed and all
information with reference to the above captioned individual
be included in the report covering the investigation requested
in this memorandum.

In this respect, a review of the New York City files
reflects that considerable investigation has already been conducted
in this matter and appropriate investigative reports submitted.

It will also be noted that the Los Angeles Division
is office of origin in this matter by reason of the fact that subject
GETTY maintains his principal headquarters in that town.

It is therefore requested that the Los Angeles Office
furnish this Division with any additional information which they
might have available, so same might be of assistance to this Division
at the time subject GETTY is thoroughly interviewed in accordance
with the request in this memorandum. RECORDED

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL BERGIE

RE: JEAN PAUL GETTY
Hotel Pierre
New York City

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 13, 1942, your reference WB:JBH:MS - 146-7-724, wherein you requested additional investigation as to the above individual.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the following reports in the case entitled, "Jean Paul Getty, alias J. Paul Getty, Espionage (G)", which contain additional information:

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, dated November 12, 1940, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, dated December 18, 1940, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent Louis Loeb1, dated January 4, 1941, at Washington, D. C.;

Report of Special Agent Kenneth C. West, dated January 27, 1941, at New Haven, Connecticut;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 3, 1941, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 30, 1941, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 13, 1941, at New York City;

Report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr., dated November 24, 1941, at Los Angeles, California.

- ~~Mr. Tolson~~
- ~~Mr. E. A. Tamm~~
- ~~Mr. Clegg~~
- ~~Mr. Glavin~~
- ~~Mr. Ladd~~
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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

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It is requested that you advise this Bureau if you desire additional investigation to be conducted in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr Tolson_____

Mr E A Tamm_____

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Miss Gandy_____



March 22, 1942

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MEMORANDUM For Files

Subject: GETTY, Juan Paul (President of the SPARTAN AIR-CRAFT COMPANY)

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1. SUBJECT is a leading millionaire California Independent Oil Operator, who together with [redacted], an associate of the Houston-Hastings-Fageol group and former U.S. Senator W. G. McADOO, were involved in a deal in January 1941, for the delivery of one million barrels of Mexican fuel oil to Germany via Vladivostok.

2. SUBJECT owns a 1,000 ton yacht, which, it is believed he operates in the Gulf of Mexico in connection with contacting submarines and supplying them with fuel oil. Axis personalities are said to accompany him on these trips. TND and SWD are investigating these reports. SUBJECT and his personal contacts are close to the high officials in the Mexican Government, and he divides his time between Mexico and New York City.

3. In 1939 GETTY purchased Hotel Pierre in NYC, and [redacted] which he dismissed all old employees and put in [redacted] the Italian Consulate. The hotel is [redacted] by one [redacted] who has had no previous hotel experience; the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] The hotel is recognized as a [redacted] hang-out of foreigners and German agents operating in the U.S. In July 1941, one [redacted] was investigated for [redacted] activities at this Hotel. [redacted] rented a suite at this hotel in July 1941. [redacted] falsely claimed to be a British Purchasing agent and a member of the British Intelligence. [redacted] is reported to be connected with GETTY.

4. SUBJECT is presently reported to be President of the Spartan Aircraft Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, handling classified Navy contracts. He is also reported to have control of the Pacific Western Oil Company, the Mission Corp., and the Shelly Oil Company. He is reported to be the financial backer of the Ballantrae Aircraft Factory in Mexico City. SUBJECT was applicant for commission as [redacted] Officer in [redacted] LIND, was rejected because of suspected espionage activities.

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Subject: GERTY, Jean Paul

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5. SUBJECT boasts of class association with [redacted] and HITLER. 8th and 11th Naval Districts consider SUBJECT to be dangerous.

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6. Information has been received to the effect that SUBJECT is associated with one [redacted] the latter reported to be mistress of [redacted] Mexico. It is well established that [redacted] is a Nazi agent, having innumerable contacts with high officials in Mexico; she was arrested on March 9, 1942, but released by the Mexican Police 9 days later.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 8, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Jean Paul Getty
Hotel Pierre
New York City;
Espionage.

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 3, 1942 with which you enclosed copies of various investigative reports. In response to your request for advice as to additional investigation desired, the following suggestions are made:

A review of the material submitted indicates that allegations of a rather sensational nature have been made against this subject. If these allegations, or some of them, are true the subject is a person extremely dangerous to the safety of this country. It is therefore believed desirable to extend this investigation until every possibility has been exhausted.

In the report of Special Agent Edward A. Furbush, Jr, dated at Los Angeles November 24, 1941, it is alleged that the subject in his frequent trips to Germany associated with [redacted] and on numerous occasions met and associated with Adolph Hitler. I would appreciate it if you would advise whether or not there are witnesses available to testify to these allegations. If there are no witnesses presently available, is it possible, by checking with the sources of your information, to determine whether appropriate witnesses can be developed?

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In the same report, there is a reference to a memorandum from "C.N.D.I. 10-2" dated May 21, 1941. It would be appreciated if you would advise me what these initials stand for and what is the source of the information contained in that memorandum. Please advise whether or not these allegations can be substantiated by available witnesses.

cc sent to N.Y.C. 4-7-42 J.A. [initials]

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It is noted that the subject is alleged to have a common-law wife and two children presently residing in Germany. It is noted elsewhere in this report that the subject's former wives are not likely sources of information because of their continuing affection for the subject. Consideration should be given to the possibility that knowledge of the existence of this common-law family in Germany might tend to alienate from the subject the sympathies of his former wives. It is noted that his present wife is believed to be in Italy. It should be determined whether or not she has returned to the United States and if she has the information about the common-law family might have a similar effect on her. It should also be borne in mind when interviewing the former wives, as well as the present wife, of the subject that possibly fear on their part of becoming involved in the subject's affairs might prove sufficient incentive for them to give reliable information.

On page 4 of the same report, it is indicated that [redacted] is about the only one at the Getty, Inc. who could be trusted. It is desired that [redacted] be thoroughly interviewed with reference to his knowledge of the subject's activities and connections.

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City November 13, 1941, there is set out certain information received from [redacted] of the William Allen White Committee. I would appreciate it if you would advise whether or not [redacted] is in a position to testify to these allegations in court. If not, the source from which [redacted] obtained his information should be ascertained and an effort be made to locate witnesses competent to testify thereto.

On page 2 of this report, there is a reference to a copyrighted article appearing in the New York Daily News entitled "Agents of Five Nations at Grips in Hotel Here", dated December 20, 1940. It is desired that a thorough interview be had with Guy Richards, author of this article. Kindly obtain any and all proof which Richards may have to sustain the allegations in his article. The sources from which he obtained his information should be thoroughly checked to determine what foundation, if any, he had. Particular emphasis should be placed on determining the source of his statement to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was sure that a definite understanding was reached on the Getty [redacted]-Axis-etc.

On page 3 of this report it is stated that one [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, resigned in the fall of 1940. It is desired that efforts be made to locate this individual and to determine his present activities and his citizenship status. If from this preliminary inquiry it appears that [redacted] is reliable, he should be interviewed for any and all data which he may have bearing on the subject.

On the same page it is set out that [redacted] Attorney, 19 Rector Street, New York City, gave information relative to a protest lodged by him with the New York Daily News relative to the newspaper story mentioned above. Please ascertain whether or not the New York Daily News published the retraction of the article demanded by [redacted]. Kindly ascertain all the details of this affair, including the ultimate disposition of the complaint.

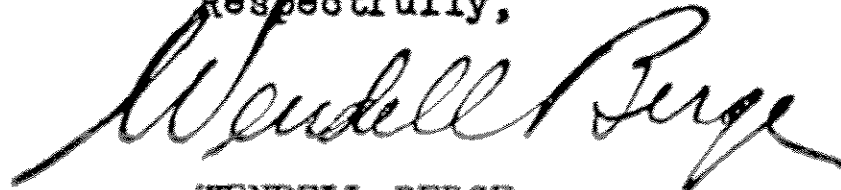
It is desired that you locate and interview [redacted] former [redacted] of George F. Getty, Inc., relative to their knowledge of the activities, interests and connections of the subject. It is noted on page 8 of this report that "they withdrew recently". The reasons for the severance of their connections with George F. Getty, Inc. should be set out.

On page 12 of this report [redacted] of the Hotel Pierre, is quoted as stating that [redacted] former [redacted] at the Hotel, was discharged from that position by [redacted]. It is suggested that it be determined why [redacted] was discharged and thereafter a complete interview be had with [redacted] relative to his own background and to his knowledge of the subject's activities.

Upon the completion of the investigation suggested in the foregoing paragraphs, consideration should be given to the desirability of interviewing the subject himself. This would seem particularly advisable if the investigation results negatively. The subject should be acquainted with the more sensational allegations which have been made against him and he should be permitted to offer any defense or refutation he desires. He should be questioned in detail about all his international transactions, both business and social. He should be required to explain the circumstances surrounding his receipt of \$60.16 from Germany on January 17, 1940.

In view of the importance of this case, it is believed desirable to obtain signed statements from all persons interviewed. It is requested that expeditious handling be afforded this case.

Respectfully,



WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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of the "Hollywood Reporter", with negative results as to the identity of [redacted]. However, [redacted] at Caro's Restaurant, advised that [redacted] was a [redacted] of considerable prominence in this area, and that he has seen GETTY in company with [redacted] at the opening of the opera in Los Angeles on November 3, 1941. With reference to [redacted] at the Beverly Hills Hotel, advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] [redacted] and was described as a "girl about town" in her middle [redacted]. With reference to [redacted] advised that she is a [redacted] who has performed on the concert stage and has been in this area for some time. She described [redacted] as being in her early [redacted].

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[redacted] at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, California, advised that [redacted] lived in this hotel with her mother, and that she checked in on December 23, 1940, and was at the present time paying \$85 per month for her room. [redacted] stated further that [redacted] registered in the Miramar from the Gotham Hotel in New York City, but he understands that she also stayed at the Coronado Hotel. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] is the [redacted] and that she had once been married to [redacted] and had then married a man named [redacted]. No further information pertinent to the Subject of this case was obtained.

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X On November 7, 1941, [redacted] advised that GETTY is (X) legally married to a woman who is living in Germany, and that they have children in Germany. [redacted] stated that he had learned this information from [redacted] who is a [redacted] and who is [redacted] with GETTY, having been employed by GETTY [redacted] for him, further, that [redacted] formerly a [redacted] and GETTY'S [redacted] informed that about a year ago GETTY was trying to get boats to ship oil to Germany, and that he could get one boat. [redacted] believed that [redacted] could be openly interviewed with reference to the Subject, and that any contact with him would be kept confidential. Informant [redacted] stated, further, that Subject still visits [redacted] one of his former wives.

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It was learned through [redacted] that [redacted] is the [redacted] who died about two years ago. [redacted] advised that she could be contacted for any information she had or could possibly obtain concerning the Subject.

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[redacted] stated that she met GETTY through [redacted], who is a [redacted] GETTY'S present wife, and who at present is living in [redacted]. [redacted] continued that [redacted] hates GETTY and described him as a ruthless individual. It was [redacted] conclusion that the Subject sees her because of her contacts, and she is well-known in all social circles in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] once told her that she had seen a check of GETTY written for one million dollars in payment for some rugs he had purchased in Europe, and on buying these, he had sought a meeting with [redacted], who was ostracized by HITLER and who

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was living in [redacted] advised [redacted] she believed GETTY was worth one hundred million dollars. [redacted] mentioned that she has taken GETTY to the home of [redacted] who is a well-known social woman who has traveled throughout the world. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is entirely American, and contact could be made with [redacted] at Universal Studios. [redacted] continued that as she and the Subject started to [redacted] home, GETTY asked [redacted] if [redacted] was a Nazi, and [redacted] without realizing just what GETTY might be, stated that she was not, that if she was, she [redacted] would not be seen in her home, and from then on GETTY pretended not to speak German, but once without thinking he broke into German, and she ascertained that he speaks it very proficiently.

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According to [redacted] GETTY is very intelligent and secretive, and she doubted that any information could be obtained from him except from some woman who attracted him. [redacted] further stated that on one evening GETTY spent hours telling her that he was not a Nazi, and at another time went to considerable length to convince [redacted] that he was not of the Nazi belief.

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Another incident concerning the Subject was related by [redacted] and [redacted] advised that [redacted] told her that approximately three or four years ago GETTY was in New York with [redacted] and purchased a yacht which was the third largest one in the world, and that this was following plans to go to Europe, but after having it for three weeks GETTY sold it and sent the yacht to Germany and boasted that he made \$75,000 profit. [redacted] further stated that she learned the Subject was very friendly with [redacted] [redacted] further mentioned that GETTY told her he really knows no one on the west coast, and that he has no particular friends, yet she ascertained that he does know [redacted]

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[redacted] previously mentioned states that he believes [redacted] is a Fascist. [redacted] also stated that GETTY has a beach home in Santa Monica where he keeps no servants but where he frequently goes. Through [redacted] attention was invited to the fact that Subject, suspected of selling Mexican oil to Germany, is owner of the Pierre Hotel, New York City, and that [redacted] and his party, who are reportedly pro-Axis, are residing at the hotel. (X)(4)

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[redacted] of the Taylor Drilling and Producing Company, advised that [redacted] is inclined to be slightly pro-Nazi. He further advised that he has taken out his first citizenship papers about April, 1939, and has stated that he doesn't know whether he wants to get the second ones or not. [redacted] mentioned that the father of [redacted] is in a concentration camp at the present time. It should be noted that [redacted] is a former [redacted] of the Subject. It was learned from [redacted] that a confidential informant has stated that GETTY owns a hotel in New York City that is a hotbed of intrigue. This informant also mentioned that [redacted] has a suite in this hotel, and that the chief engineer of the GETTY organization is an ex-German submarine captain. It was further stated that there is one file of papers in GETTY'S office which, if photostatted, would give much interesting information. It might be possible to obtain this file, if it is wanted, and it was added that these documents might

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show his real character. It should be noted that this information is dated March 5, 1941. However, a review of the file indicates that no attempt has been made to ascertain what papers are meant. (X)(u)

As has been previously mentioned, [redacted] believes [redacted] (X)(u) to be [redacted] with the Subject and thoroughly reliable. [redacted] telephone Citrus 2-1014, advised that he has been associated with the Subject for 7 years and that up until 1936 he was employed by him as a [redacted] in various business dealings in the oil business. [redacted] indicated that he became [redacted] with the Subject, because the Subject was [redacted] before entering his employ. [redacted] described the Subject as having no friends and never in a position to trust anyone, and because of a large sum of money estimated at between forty and fifty million dollars, [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] has discussed various business deals with him at great length. Since [redacted] has left his employ, he has met the Subject quite frequently when he is in Los Angeles and [redacted] [redacted] agreed to cooperate and stated that he would obtain all information on the Subject, and that if he himself was unable to obtain it, he would learn with whom GETTY was associated and thus obtain it in an indirect manner. [redacted] continued that before the Neutrality Act went into effect, the Subject told him personally that he had agreed to sell 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany, and that the oil was to be shipped to Vladivostok, Russia, and then transferred into Germany, but that the deal fell through when Germany was placed on the black list. [redacted] mentioned further that the Subject is associated with men of prominence throughout the world because of the vast sum of money he has, but firmly believes that the Subject would not be involved in anything subversive because he would never endanger his position as a playboy with so much freedom and money at his disposal. In various discussions along political lines [redacted] stated that the Subject firmly believes in the efficiency of the German officials and has stated on more than one occasion that they have an effective system of government and has remarked that he is personally acquainted with that system for he has seen it in operation and believes that it would do this country a lot of good if they were to be governed under the same efficiency, but [redacted] continued that he believes GETTY would never become instrumental in effecting any such system. [redacted] further stated that he believes the G. F. GETTY Company, which is owned by the Subject, was under investigation by the Internal Revenue Department for violation of the income tax law, and that it is his impression that the Internal Revenue agents might be able to divulge information pertaining to financial activities of this firm. [redacted] later advised that he learned that [redacted] [redacted] and at present is located in Heidelberg, could be contacted, and any information which she might have, she would divulge. He also stated that [redacted] could also be trusted, as he recently learned through a friend of the company's that both of these [redacted] hated GETTY and would ruin him at the first opportunity. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] and Captain LANGE had both been maltreated by the Subject, and that he believed that if they had any information pertinent to a violation of the Espionage Act on the part of Subject, they would cooperate to the fullest extent. [redacted] mentioned that the Subject had recently opened a new office in one of the [redacted] buildings, and that in a discussion with the Subject some

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time in the fall of 1941 a casual mention was made of this office by the Subject. [] believes that this might be worth checking into, since it is possible the files in this office could contain foreign correspondence.

[] special agent of the Intelligence Unit in the Board of Internal Revenue, searched his entire files and produced a file showing that investigation was conducted by his department in 1934 regarding the income tax of the G. F. GETTY Company. [] mentioned that there was an alleged evasion of the income tax as a result of a transfer of the G. F. GETTY Company to the estate of the G. F. GETTY Company and J. PAUL GETTY. Investigation disclosed that no prosecution or fine resulted, but that upon the death of GEORGE F. GETTY the estate was divided and part inherited by J. PAUL GETTY and the remainder left in control of J. PAUL GETTY'S mother.

In another division of the Internal Revenue [] Internal Revenue agent, searched the files with negative results. Through the efforts of [] in Santa Monica who has been requested by GETTY to dispose of his beach home in Santa Monica, the contents of the summer home referred to in this report were noted. Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and [] accompanied the reporting agent and [] conversed with the [] This property is located at 270 Front Avenue in Santa Monica. It was noted that this is an eight-room house located on the beach front and has been used by GETTY for several parties, and that the property was purchased and the house built for [] This search disclosed nothing of value.

[] previously mentioned in this report, later advised that he had learned that the Subject was interested in some property in Acapulco, Mexico, and that he had been in Mexico the winter of 1940 and 1941 for the purpose of contacting the government officials in persuading them to put a highway through Acapulco. It is alleged by [] that large sums of money were expended for this purpose, but the results have been negative. [] also believes that the Subject has become interested in the oil situation in Mexico and is probably engrossed in the idea of establishing a company in Mexico. [] stated that this information was obtained from GETTY himself.

In a further discussion with [] it is his opinion that the one individual connected with the GETTY Corporation who might be engaged in subversive activity is [] who is employed as an [] by the GEORGE F. GETTY Company. [] further stated that he obtained this information from various employees in an official capacity at other oil companies.

Through the cooperation of Source of Information A it was ascer- (N/M)
tained that the Subject had recently opened an office in the Donnelly Building at 3576 Wilshire, Los Angeles. Source of Information A stated that he learned (N/M)
from the [] of the building that the [] of this office is []
[] who was believed to be a good American and would not become involved in any subversive activity regardless of any offers made.

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an attempt to increase his wealth, he spent several months in Mexico, where he contacted the officials of the Mexican government in an attempt to persuade them to make a resort in Acapulco, and his idea was to build a hotel. She mentioned that the last time the Subject was in Germany was during 1939, and that prior to that he used to visit Germany at least once a year. She further mentioned that GETTY loves to boast about the important people he knows, but she has never heard him mention that he is acquainted with any of the officials of the German Reich. It should be mentioned that [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and the reporting agent, and that it was some time before [redacted] was persuaded to discuss the facts set forth in this report, for she believed that any discussion upon which she might enter regarding the situation in Germany would get to the German officials and [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that at no time has she or [redacted] been approached by anyone with a request to obtain and develop information pertaining to our National Defense, and if this request was made, she would answer in the negative, [redacted]

[redacted] and she states that they are now the object of her No. 1 hate.

[redacted] telephone ARdmore 39764, when interviewed by Special Agent H. FRANK ANGELL and the reporting agent, advised that [redacted]

[redacted] She further advised that if it were possible to obtain information regarding a violation of any law on the part of the Subject, she would fully cooperate and even go out of her way to aid the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She further advised that she was in Berlin with the Subject in [redacted] and that during that time she was with the Subject constantly and at no time did he contact any government official but merely interested himself in objects of art, antiques, and such bric-a-brac. She stated that when HITLER came to power, he was interested but merely because of the efficiency with which HITLER and other German officials conducted their efficient system of government and stated on more than one occasion that this country would be much better off if it were run as efficiently as the German government. She further stated that this is a reflection of GETTY'S mind, since he is interested in anything orderly, effective, and efficient and is amiable towards the way those in power crush the weak.

At various times when the Subject was under discussion [redacted] stated that it was GETTY'S opinion that HITLER was interested only in making Germany a world power, but the Subject has been discussed at various times since HITLER has invaded Russia, and GETTY has stated that he believes HITLER is trying to make Germany the only supreme power in Europe, which he believes is wrong. She further stated that she knows GETTY was in Mexico but she did not know the reason for his visit there but would find out, at a later date [redacted] [redacted] advised that she had contacted the Subject, and he had visited her on December 19, 1941, and spent six hours with her discussing various topics in which he has had an interest for the past five to six years. She stated that GETTY admitted knowing several German officials but none of major importance, and further stated that the German officials that he knows are those in business, stating that he was acquainted with them when he was dickering

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with them on an oil contract. He further stated to [redacted] that while he was in Germany in 1939, he was also approached by the officials of the Russian government and was promised a percentage of all oil drilled if he would come to Russia and sink oil wells for them. He was also propositioned along the same lines by the officials of the German government, and states that this is when he met the German officials. She further stated that GETTY answered negatively to all offers made, and that in the further discussion of this subject with the German officials, they promised to turn over to him any German paintings that he would want, but his answer was still No. She further stated that GETTY was in Mexico from November, 1940, until April, 1941, at which time he was in the process of buying property in Acapulco, and that he had obtained options on property there but would not buy outright unless the Mexican administration would pave a road through Acapulco. He admitted that several offers amounting to bribery were made, but that when he discussed the Subject with his attorney, [redacted] he was discouraged. At this time [redacted] advised that GETTY told her that [redacted] was still in his employ, although he was dumb and could not be placed in an administrative position, and [redacted] kept asking for favors for her brother. She further stated that GETTY spoke of the need for unity in the United States at this time, describing the Axis powers as a bone of contention and that the United States had a most difficult battle on its hands but he believed that in the end HITLER and other dictators would be made to suffer for the wrongs they have committed.

[redacted] but now living with [redacted] at [redacted] advised that he is in GETTY'S employ as a [redacted] in the oil fields in [redacted]

He further advised that he came to America in 1934 and studied for two years in Washington State, studying the subject of oil engineering, for he intended to return to Germany and work in the oil fields. He returned to Germany in 1936 but came back the following year and studied for one more year in the University of Southern California and concentrated on oil engineering at GETTY'S suggestion. It should be mentioned that [redacted] gave the same information pertaining to the wrong done [redacted] by the German government as [redacted] set out above in this report. [redacted] stated that it was his opinion that GETTY is friendly with the German officials but believes it arose as a result of GETTY'S trying to interest the oil business officials in buying oil from him. He stated that it has been the subject of discussion on more than one occasion that GETTY is friendly with the Reich officials, but this allegation has never been substantiated.

Captain FREDERICK LANGE, 1312 South Poinsettia, Compton, California, advised that he is presently employed in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department but was formerly in the employ of GETTY. He further advised that he came to this country in 1935 and married a [redacted] a member of one of New York's oldest families, and at present has a son [redacted] years old, who was born in [redacted]. He stated that from 1925 until 1930 he was captain of [redacted] yacht, and that in 1930 GETTY purchased this yacht from [redacted] and he transferred masters. This yacht was later sold by GETTY, and during the time GETTY did not have a boat LANGE stated that he worked in the Production Department of the GETTY Oil Company.

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He further advised that in 1933 GETTY purchased another yacht, the "Warrior", and three years later, in November, 1936, GETTY sold this yacht to a French financier. Captain LANGE further stated that he took the "Warrior" to France, and that it was to be sold after it was thoroughly examined by the French financier, but at the time he arrived in France, GETTY was in Germany attending the Olympic Games, and it was necessary to call him long distance before the bargaining for sale began. After the sale of this yacht, Captain LANGE stated that he went to Germany but did not see GETTY at this time, as GETTY has returned to the United States. Captain LANGE mentioned that he then returned to the United States and saw GETTY in his office in California. Captain LANGE further mentioned that GETTY visited Germany once every year, but it was merely for pleasurable purposes, although he does know that GETTY tried on several occasions to interest the German government in oil contracts. Captain LANGE further mentioned that GETTY is well-known in practically every country in the world, for he has been an extensive traveler and because of his large wealth is able to meet the important men in every country. Captain LANGE further stated that he does not know for sure whether GETTY had any direct contact with HITLER but does know that a rumor circulated in the Hotel Pierre in New York that GETTY had received a tie from HITLER in recognition of their acquaintance, but GETTY never mentioned this to him, nor had he ever heard GETTY mention it to anyone and has on several occasions heard GETTY deny that he has met HITLER. He further stated that he has heard GETTY speak about politics quite often but has never heard him discuss HITLER, with the exception of HITLER'S effectiveness in maintaining discipline in Germany and especially in the army.

Captain LANGE stated that when he returned from Germany in 1936, he was in California in GETTY'S employ for some time, and that later he went to New York as manager of the Hotel Pierre. He stated that he does not know of any important German officials who stayed at the Pierre Hotel but stated that it was a famed stopping-place for people of importance, as it was considered one of New York's finest hotels. Captain LANGE further stated that during his period of employment at the Hotel Pierre, he frequently came in contact with [redacted] who was [redacted] and [redacted] who was GETTY'S attorney, and it is his opinion that both of these men believed GETTY to be pro-Nazi, and on one occasion, just prior to the editorial in the New York paper stating that GETTY had received favors from the German government and other pro-Nazi activity on the part of GETTY, which editorial is part of this file, he saw [redacted] in consultation with several New York scribes, and it is his opinion that they divulged the information which he knows to be untrue, to the New York press. Captain LANGE stated that he was called back to California in 1940 and for a short time was employed as an engineer in the oil fields for GETTY, and that GETTY called him into his office and told him that he was to go to the Hotel Pierre in New York as an efficiency expert. Captain LANGE continued that he arrived in New York seven or eight days subsequent to this order, and [redacted] advised him that he was no longer on GETTY'S payroll. Captain LANGE further continued that he advised [redacted] that some mistake must have happened, as he had orders to appear in New York for business purposes regarding GETTY'S interests. Captain LANGE stated that he put in a long distance call to GETTY, who was then located in California, and GETTY advised him that in a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hotel Pierre, it was suggested by GETTY that Captain LANGE be made an efficiency expert in the Hotel Pierre, but

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that subsequent to the meeting and since LANGE had left for New York, he had received orders from the Board of Directors that they did not believe it was important for LANGE to assume the position of efficiency expert, and further, that Captain LANGE'S services were no longer required in the oil fields in California, which was indicative of the fact that Captain LANGE could consider himself no longer in the employ of the Subject. The Captain stated that he then returned to California and has been working in the California Shipyards in the Regulation Department since.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview Subject GETTY and all questions pertinent to the Subject's activity should be fully answered by him. It should be noted that the Subject was recently interviewed January 28, 1942, in regard to [redacted] who was connected with the [redacted] case, Los Angeles file [redacted] and at that time stated that he was more than anxious to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and would at his own expense fulfill any request made of him.

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Will check with [CNDI L. A. 10-2] to obtain in-formation from Captain LANGE regarding the Subject's recent application to become a naval officer, since it is believed that at that time he was thoroughly interviewed regarding a position. (u)

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Source of Information A mentioned in this report is [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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May 8, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL OSTY
Espionage (C)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of a memorandum dated April 8, 1942, received at the Bureau from Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge of the Department concerning the above captioned individual.

It is noted that in this memorandum, Mr. Berge sets out specific lines along which he would desire additional investigation to be conducted in this case.

You are instructed to conduct the additional investigation as requested in the enclosed memorandum and to submit a report reflecting the results of such investigation in the near future in order that the Department may be properly advised in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr Tolson _____
- Mr E A Tamm _____
- Mr Clegg _____
- Mr Glavin _____
- Mr Ladd _____
- Mr Nichols _____
- Mr Rosen _____
- Mr Tracy _____
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California
May 19, 1942

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Director
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RE JEAN PAUL GETTY
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Dear Sir

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 8, 1942 in the above-entitled case, Bureau file 100-1202, requesting that additional investigation be conducted regarding instant matter in the near future

Special Agent EDWARD A FURBUSH, JR , to whom this case is presently assigned, is now engaged in investigating a sedition case which will occupy his time for the next few weeks. Subsequent to this time it is contemplated that a thorough investigation will be conducted in this matter

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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In connection with the next voyage to the United States of the SS ~~SS~~ DROTTNINGHOLM you may desire to advise the FBI that [redacted] [redacted] Jean Paul Getty, is one of the scheduled passengers. You will recall that Mr. Getty's name has been mentioned in connection with that of [redacted] concerning whom the FBI has conducted a thorough investigation.

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: JEAN PAUL GUYI, was;
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Dear Sir:

By memorandum dated May 15, 1942, the State Department advised the Bureau that [redacted] the subject, was scheduled as a passenger on the next voyage that the S. S. "Drottningholm" would make to the United States.

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The above is being furnished to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: REPATRIATION OF U. S. CITIZENS
ABOARD SS DROTTHINGHOLM

Reference is made to the list dated May 6, 1942 made up by the State Department and given to Special Agent [redacted] consists of the names of twenty-seven American citizens who will return to this country from Europe aboard the SS Drottingholm which is scheduled to arrive at New York City sometime around the first of June, 1942. The State Department has asked whether the Bureau has any derogatory information concerning any of these individuals.

Reference is also made to a second memorandum dated May 13, 1942 which consists of the names of forty-two individuals and one dog which was made up by the State Department and given to Special Agent [redacted] to determine whether the Bureau has any derogatory information concerning them. These also are coming to this country aboard the SS Drottingholm.

Both of these lists are being considered in this memorandum and only the individuals concerning whom the Bureau has some derogatory information will be referred to hereinafter.

STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF MAY 6, 1942

1. [redacted]

By letter dated May 25, 1940, [redacted] informed that [redacted] an American born citizen of this country, is a member of a Fascist group in New York City and also in Italy. [redacted] was said to be the [redacted] of the Lon Carlos Opera Company of New York City. He reportedly is a naturalized American citizen, who was born in [redacted]

[redacted] said that she had obtained the above information in a social conversation and could not vouch for its authenticity. No investigation was made of this individual.

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2. [REDACTED]

On February 17, 1942, the Interdepartmental Alien Visa Control Committee Number III met at the Department of State at 9:00 a.m. to consider cases of applicants for Immigration visas into this country. One, [REDACTED] was considered and disapproved. [REDACTED] of the "Black Star" on which organization the F.B.I. has compiled derogatory information, was said to be an enemy alien, having been born in [REDACTED]

It was pointed out that [REDACTED] since 1933, has been employed as a [REDACTED] in the Official Information Office at Geneva, Switzerland.

It was said that in view of her background and the additional fact that she was from [REDACTED] a country which is dominated by Nazi authority, it would be very undesirable to admit her. The Immigration and War Department representatives concurred with the F.B.I. The Office of Naval Intelligence and State Department representatives voted to approve her visa.

It was pointed out in this hearing by the Immigration authority that the applicant's husband arrived in this country in August, 1941. He apparently obtained his visa in Switzerland and travelled through Axis dominated territory. This, of course, throws considerable suspicion on the case. The applicant and her husband were married in Switzerland in 1941 and he left within a few days after their marriage for this country.

In view of the fact that this applicant has already been considered, the State Department is in possession of all facts which the Bureau has.

STATE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF MAY 13, 1942

1. [REDACTED]

The files reflect in the case of JEAN PAUL GETTY, with aliases, ESPIONAGE - G (100-1202) that in the morgue file of the Los Angeles Times, an article dated November 17, 1939 under a New York date line made the announcement of the marriage of [REDACTED] to Jean Paul Getty, age 42, of Los Angeles and New York. The wedding took place on September 14, 1939 in Rome, Italy, in the American Consulate. It is believed that this individual is identical with the [REDACTED] who is coming to this country on the SS Drottingholm.

Jean Paul Getty was born in Minneapolis in December, 1892 and is a very rich man, his family having made its money in oil holdings. He is

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said to be outspoken in support of Germany and Nazi ideology and highly approves of the effectiveness of the Nazi system. He has been in Germany several times each year prior to 1942 and reportedly was closely associated with Hitler, [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Office reported that Getty attempted to export 50,000 barrels of oil to Germany before the Neutrality Act became effective. He has had in his employ former members of the German Army, Navy and Intelligence units.

Getty is said to have been married at least four times and is constantly "chasing" women, regardless of his marital status. Lately he has been reported to be consorting with [REDACTED] in Mexico City. There he is also said to be closely associated with Mexican Government officials.

No conclusive evidence has been obtained which would indicate that Getty is engaged in espionage or related activities, although he has been the subject of many reports concerning activities inimical to the best interests of this country.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the above information be telephonically given to [REDACTED] of the State Department, who has requested it, and copies of the State Department memoranda of May 6 and May 13, 1942, described above, be returned to Special Agent [REDACTED] in order that they may be returned to [REDACTED]

It should be pointed out to [REDACTED] that this Bureau has previously objected to the issuance of a visa to [REDACTED] and still is of the same opinion, although it will defer to the judgment of the State Department concerning her.

Respectfully,

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date

To General Staff
Chief, Military Intelligence Service
War Department
Washington, D. C.

From J Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PAUL GETTY, SPARTAN AIRCRAFT COMPANY

Subject

Under date of June 6, 1942, there was received at this Bureau an anonymous communication postmarked June 4, 1942, at New York, New York, which reads as follows

"Please give the enclosed your attention Did not the newspapers announce that the final negotiations of sale of the property to said owner mentioned in this article were concluded by cable while he was in BERLIN, a guest of ADOLPH HITLER

"Also, please check up on the following SAID HOTEL HOUSE KEEPER."

Enclosed with the above letter was a newspaper clipping of a column entitled "Broadway" written by one Danton Walker The item which the anonymous letter refers to appears in this column and is as follows:

"Paul Getty, owner of the Hotel Pierre, is now president of the Spartan Aircraft Co , at Tulsa, Okla "

There is no additional information in the clipping concerned with this matter The above data are being furnished for your information

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